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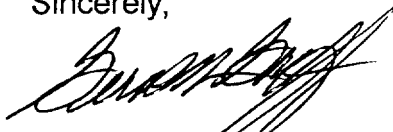
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Dear Dr. Henney:

It has come to my attention that your agency has been delaying action on the claims filed for approval of the use of saw palmetto for benign prostatic hyperplasia, in spite of the overwhelming evidence in the efficacy of its use. Also, psyllium husk seeds and the risk of heart disease, along with folic acid, vitamin B6 and vitamins kB12 and E for use in suspected or confirmed cardiovascular disease.

I urge you and the FDA to promptly approve these claims, and allow the manufacturers the right to publish and promote the results of the many studies that have been done to conclude that these supplements are indeed beneficial for these health conditions.

Sincerely,



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